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WASHINGTON, June 23, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 18 totaled an estimated 16.6 billion ton-miles, 4.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 369.1 billion ton-miles, 4.1 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 18 totaled 376,691 cars, 0.8 percent over 1982, and 1.6 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.7 percent in the West, but down 4.4 in the East and 2.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were up. Metallic ores posted a gain of 42.6 percent, nonmetallic minerals were up 21.0 percent, and lumber and wood products increased by 14.2 percent. Nine of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 11 totaled 44,202 cars, up 19.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 76,688 trailers and/or containers, 17.4 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 983,079 cars, 19.1 percent higher than last year, and 1,687,494 trailers and/or containers, up 14.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/18/83:

	Loadings in Week ended June 18, 1983		Change from Corresponding Week 1982			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,760	I	1,102	4.7	I	3,248	15.1
Other farm products	4,619	D	19	0.4	D	176	3.7
Metallic ores	21,587	I	6,444	42.6	D	235	1.1
Coal	104,755	D	16,010	13.3	I	683	0.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,741	I	1,504	14.7	I	214	1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	10,153	I	1,762	21.0	D	718	6.6
Grain mill products	11,114	I	12	0.1	D	763	6.4
Food and kindred products	10,835	D	1,698	13.5	D	120	1.1
Primary forest products	14,982	D	742	4.7	I	622	4.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,580	I	945	14.2	D	244	3.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,388	D	678	4.2	I	569	3.8
Chemicals and allied products	22,554	I	1,770	8.5	I	180	0.8
Petroleum products	4,718	I	32	0.7	D	6	0.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,890	I	760	7.5	D	337	3.0
Coke	5,380	I	1,146	27.1	D	46	0.8
Metals and products	8,348	D	63	0.7	I	383	4.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,575	I	1,089	6.2	D	528	2.8
Waste and scrap materials	8,360	I	519	6.6	D	51	0.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,410	D	486	5.5	I	270	3.3
All other carloads	51,678	I	7,120	16.0	I	3,016	6.2
LCL traffic	264	D	1,339	83.5	D	20	7.0
Total Cars Loaded	376,691	I	3,170	0.8	I	5,94[illegible]	1.6
Corresponding week of 1982	373,521						

	1983	1982	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	8,431,114	9,079,061	D 7.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 weeks ended June 11	352.5	368.8	D 4.4
Week ended June 18	16.6	16.0	I 4.0
24 weeks cumulative	369.1	384.8	D 4.1

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